

Margaret still lives in the house that she and her husband built in 1963, a house that was modeled in painstaking detail after one in Williamsburg, Virginia. She social-distanced while living alone during the COVID-19 pandemic and used her computer to not only communicate with friends, family, and neighbors but also to shop for groceries and take-out.

Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a truly remarkable woman who would tell all of us that she did nothing remarkable. This is a common trait of the Greatest Generation, a generation that soldiered on during hardships and celebrations alike.

From a grateful Nation, Happy Birthday Margaret.

**HONORING THE COMMUNITY OF
BEACON FALLS, CONNECTICUT
ON THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR
SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY**

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I am very proud to rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Beacon Falls community as they gather to celebrate the Town's 150th Anniversary—a remarkable milestone for this very small community of just over six thousand residents. Though small in number the community is mighty in spirit—working together every day to meet the changing needs of its residents while preserving the unique, quintessentially New England, rural character of the Town.

Just under ten square miles and bisected by the Naugatuck River, Beacon Falls was incorporated in 1871 on lands from its neighboring towns of Bethany, Naugatuck, Oxford, and Seymour. It quickly became a center of agriculture, warehouse storage, and manufacturing. Beacon Falls was the birthplace of the friction matches, first made in 1834 by Thomas Sanford, who later sold his “recipe” for \$10.00. The Diamond Match Company ultimately acquired the formula. The Beacon Falls Rubber Shoe Company was a sprawling complex along Main Street that employed many residents and was even responsible for the construction of an entire neighborhood, providing housing for its workers. The Homer D. Bronson Company also set up shop in town in the early 1900s and was a manufacturer of hinges used in industry and homes throughout the world.

These two firms promoted economic wellbeing for Beacon Falls' residents for years, both ultimately closing their doors in the late 1980s. While their departure left the town in a precarious position, it was not long before the community rallied, fighting to bring new economic engines to the town. Over the course of the last several decades, a variety of retail, manufacturing, warehousing, construction, and service businesses revitalized the town, and the community has continued to flourish. Today, from the American Legion Post 25 to the Beacon Hose Volunteer Fire Company and from the Friends of Beacon Falls Library to its community center, the residents of this small town are more like family than neighbors. They come together in times of celebra-

tion and need—proud of their history and the unique fabric that has been woven into this special community.

It has been an honor for me to serve as Beacon Falls' U.S. Representative over the last twenty-years and I am proud to have this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to every member of this special community as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary.

REVEREND GERRITT KENYON

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I am here today to recognize Pastor Gerritt Kenyon, and I first want to wish him a very happy belated birthday. Pastor Kenyon turned 90 years old last month. Pastor Kenyon, ordained with Assemblies of God for 65 years, has served on national, state, and sectional levels of the denomination. While he was a pastor, he conducted over 13,000 services, 600 weddings, 3,000 funerals, made around 35,000 hospital visits, and over 2,500 radio and TV programs. In his retirement, he keeps his days busy from serving as a host for WSNJ “Music that Matters” radio to a board member of Timothy's Abode in Ecuador, and numerous other commitments such as running a kid's camp. Pastor Kenyon is also a parent to four children and a grandfather to eight grandchildren; several of which are in the ministry, and four great grandchildren. Pastor Kenyon states that “he has enjoyed ministering the message of hope to generations of families over this period of time,” remembering that “when we have done our best, God will do the rest.” God Bless Pastor Kenyon and his family and God Bless America.

RECOGNIZING VICTOR SORACE

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a notable resident within my district, Victor Sorace of Boy Scouts of America Troop 168. Victor earned the rank of Eagle Scout in January of 2020, and I had the distinct pleasure of attending his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Victor's Eagle Scout Service Project consisted of building a memorial in honor of our community's armed forces service members, police officers, firefighters, and first responders. The memorial was built in Falls Township Park and stands as a constant reminder of the sacrifices those in our community and throughout our nation make every single day.

Recently, Victor was recognized as the American Legion's Eagle Scout of the Year for the entire state of Pennsylvania. As an Eagle Scout myself, I can attest to the fact that this is no light achievement. To be the Eagle Scout of the Year requires a lot of dedication, hard work, and community service. Victor excelled in all of these aspects as he truly is an individual who is guided by a sense to better his community and has demonstrated an ex-

traordinary ability to overcome complex challenges and situations throughout the years. We are incredibly grateful for the positive impact that he has on our community.

JOSH BUFFINGTON—EAGLE SCOUT

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I am here today to recognize an exceptional 17-year-old, Josh Buffington, who positively impacts his community every day. He has been a Boy Scout since he was 5 years old and has accumulated around 300 hours in community service. He has volunteered for scout events and projects as well as for local churches. For his Eagle project he assisted in cleaning up Sacred Heart Cemetery in Cedarbrooke, New Jersey where he replaced the split rail fencing and installed grave markers. Aside from giving back to his community, Josh has played soccer since he was five years old and is also involved in the performing arts, starring in over a dozen plays. Josh is preparing to go off to college, and hopes to pursue a career in sports management. I had the honor of meeting Josh at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor earlier this month, and I wish him the best of luck with his future endeavors. God Bless Joshua and God Bless America.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF ROSE
SALGADO**

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Rose Salgado, who passed away on May 14, 2021.

Rose Salgado led a remarkable life not only as a mother, daughter, sister, and grandmother, but also as a passionate leader and champion for the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians. Her steadfast commitment to the betterment of her Tribal community was undoubtedly an inspiration to those around her. There is no doubt in my mind that her outstanding impact will continue to be felt for generations to come.

Growing up, Rose Salgado took an early interest in her rich Native American heritage. Her parents instilled in her the value of a strong work ethic that she demonstrated throughout her extraordinary career in public service.

After completing her education at University of California, Riverside, Salgado began her 27-year career with Southern California Edison. Following her retirement, Rose became deeply involved as a leader in her Tribe and served on several boards. During her 28 years on the Soboba Tribal Council, she ascended to Vice Chairwoman and spearheaded several efforts to improve the economic wellbeing and access to opportunity for the members of her Tribe.

As a prominent leader and inspiration, she was twice recognized as Woman of the Year by the Hemet/San Jacinto Valley Chamber of